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SUBJECT: REPORT OF POLICE ADVISOR FOR TIMOR-LESTE

1. ACTION REQUEST: The Core Group for Timor-Leste will receive the report of the UN Police Advisor for Timor-Leste, Commissioner Andrew Hughes, on April 22. USUN is instructed to draw on material in para 2 below in responding to Hughes's report. End Action Request.

2. Talking Points:

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-- The U.S. Government appreciates the work of the UN Police Advisor, Commissioner Andrew Hughes, and the expert assessment mission that visited Timor-Leste in March 2007, and welcomes the report,s recommendations on ways to improve policing in Timor-Leste.

-- With the stabilization of the security situation in the country since 2006, the highest priority for UNPOL should be the training and mentoring of the National Police of Timor-Leste (PNTL) to put it on course to developing into an effective, professional force with full authority for law enforcement.

-- A functional PNTL is indispensable to maintaining the rule of law in Timor-Leste.

-- Government of Timor-Leste ownership of the PNTL development process is essential to assuring its success.  
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